STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE



TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 990 A BILL RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FACILITIES

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PRESENTED BEFORE
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

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DIRECTOR OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Gates and the Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Veterans and Military Affairs.

I am Major General Arthur Logan, Adjutant General, Director of the State Emergency Management Agency and Director of Homeland Security.

The Department of Defense (DOD) provides written testimony in SUPPORT of HB 990.

The DOD is organization with established facilities and presence within communities throughout the state with the intent to serve as an integral part of the communities we reside in. DOD continues to support policy to allow temporary use of state and federal facilities in accordance with the HRS and DOD requirements if they do not interfere with department operations.

The rental moneys collected from facility use are intended to cover cost that directly relate to the use of DOD's facilities. These costs include, but are not limited to water, sewer, electricity, cleaning, supplies (paper towel, toilet paper, soap, etc.), repair and maintenance, and related state personnel staff to coordinate use, as well as to open and secure the facility. Under current law, "all" moneys received from the rentals are required to be deposited into the general fund of the state, with required amounts returned to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in accordance with Act 178, SLH 2006. This situation requires the DOD to use its operating funds to cover the costs listed above in order to allow use.

This bill will allow the DOD to continue its community-based involvement in allowing use of its facilities (Readiness Centers, Training Facilities, etc.) without incurring an operating budget loss to do so. If approved, HB 1216 will allow the DOD to retain revenues collected to cover the costs associated with the use of its facilities beyond the DOD's normal operations. Any net proceeds collected will be returned to the general fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to support HB 990.

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